

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA



STATEMENT

BY HER EXCELLENCY

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**AT THE CEREMONY COMMISSIONING HER
AS HEAD OF THE MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF
NAMIBIA IN BONN, GERMANY.**

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Comrade President,

Thank you for the great honour you have bestowed upon me, and through me, on all Namibian Women. Your decision, Comrade President, to send me as your Ambassador to Germany, is further proof of the emphasis you place on the role of Women in Namibian society.

I am reminded of the challenge which you, Comrade President, made to the Women at the meeting of the Women's Desk in Katutura last year when you told the women ever to aspire to the Presidency. I regard that challenge to be equally applicable to Your Excellency's representatives abroad.

In taking up that challenge, Comrade President, I will endeavour to create a better understanding of Namibia in Germany. As *Chargé d'Affaires ad interim* in Paris, I realised that many people in Europe do not know anything about Namibia, and that it is our task to rectify that problem.

I see my task as presenting Namibia as a young democratic African country which, under Your Excellency's able leadership, is bent on promoting the welfare of all Namibians.

I am departing for my new post at a time of great drought in our country. Seeking solutions to and assistance for this dilemma will be my first - albeit not my sole - preoccupation.

My focus will be on development - promoting investment and increasing trade between Namibia and Germany. Tourism, Comrade President, is another area which promises increased revenue for our country, and it is here that Your Excellency's Embassy in Germany can play a vital role in bringing more tourists to Namibia.

At the time that our university is being created, I will endeavour to solicit aid and expertise to augment the efforts already being made in this regard. Although I have only named a few areas, the list of issues which will occupy us in Germany is too lengthy to be mentioned here.

In conclusion, Comrade President, I thank you once again for the great honour you have bestowed upon me, and I promise to work to the best of my ability and with all my commitment to prove myself worthy of that privilege, to be a role model for my Namibian sisters and to loyally serve the Government and people of our beloved Motherland.

I THANK YOU!